

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize significant events
4 in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Cheryl Foley
6 of Mt. Vernon has received the 2002 Citizen of the Year
7 award;

8 WHEREAS, Cheryl Foley graduated from Minnesota State
9 University at Moorhead in 1967 with a Bachelors Degree in
10 Speech and Theatre; from there she moved to Northern Illinois
11 University where she received a Masters Degree in Speech
12 Communication; after graduation, Mrs. Foley moved south to
13 teach at Rend Lake; and

14 WHEREAS, At Rend Lake, Cheryl Foley met her husband,
15 Myron, and the two were married in 1971; and

16 WHEREAS, Cheryl Foley serves as a Broker Associate and
17 operates M.G. Foley, Inc. Real Estate; and

18 WHEREAS, Although Mrs. Foley is a successful business
19 woman, she is described by friends as being in the "business
20 of improving Mt. Vernon," and she is very active in various
21 organizations and events; Cheryl Foley has been involved in
22 numerous community organizations, generally assuming top
23 leadership positions; and

24 WHEREAS, Cheryl Foley is currently the President of the
25 Mt. Vernon YMCA Board and serves as Administrative Counselor
26 at Cedarhurst, in charge of the Speaker's Bureau; she remains
27 an active member of the Mr. Vernon Rotary Club, Delta Theta
28 Tau Philanthropic Sorority, Jefferson County Chamber of
29 Commerce, and the First United Methodist Church; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Foley can be described as a leader,

1 volunteer, and wife who is definitely driven; she is a long
2 time member of the Shagbark Girl Scout Board, and currently
3 serves on the Finance Committee; Cheryl Foley developed a
4 can-do attitude that transcends barriers and enables her to
5 achieve nontraditional roles; Mrs. Foley has been a long time
6 member of the Chamber of Commerce, and in 1990, she became
7 the first woman to serve as President; and

8 WHEREAS, The Mt. Vernon Rotary Club took notice of Cheryl
9 Foley's leadership ability and invited her to join, making
10 her one of the first women to be inducted in the club, and,
11 in 1995, the first woman of that chapter to serve as
12 President; after her term expired, she moved on to serve a
13 two year term as District 6510 Assistant Governor; and

14 WHEREAS, Cheryl Foley credits her activity in the
15 community to an old saying she grew up with, "Volunteerism is
16 the rent we pay for the space we take on Earth"; she believes
17 it is our obligation to leave our community and world a
18 better place for generations to come; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Cheryl Foley of Mt. Vernon on her achievement
22 of the 2002 Citizen of the Year award; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Cheryl Foley as an expression of our esteem.